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Introduction

IELTS-TOEFL-iBT Speaking Test Next Generation is a book aiming at helping students to overcome the speaking parts of these tests and get more familiar with the format of the exams as well as the questions which are asked on the tests.

This book gives students lots of ideas about answering the speaking questions and helps them to learn how to brainstorm the questions. The sample answers provided in this book pave the way for students to go through self-studying as well as self-assessment.

The strong points which you will face in this book are as follow:

- 1. Wide range of speaking questions***
- 2. Plenty of sample answers for worrying questions***
- 3. Guidance on brainstorming the questions***
- 4. Self-assessment capability***
- 5. Authenticity of the materials***
- 6. Incorporation of ex-exam questions***

With all particularities of this book, there is no claim that the book needs no improvement. Nor is it claimed that it has exhausted all topics. It is, however, hoped that the book will fulfill a considerable number of students 'needs. It is also hoped that reader's constructive comments will improve the book in the future editions.

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Chapter One

IELTS- TOEFL- iBT Speaking Test

Common questions in IELTS and iBT Speaking Test

Recommendation and Assistance To Teachers and Candidates:

Speaking has been the irksome part of the English tests and interviews for a long time and majority of students have faced with this problem in their speaking exams. One of the problems is inhibition. Most of the students worry about making mistakes or they carry a sense of shyness which stops them from speaking. The worrying part for most of the candidates is having nothing to say.

To kick all these obstacles away, we provided you with lots of sample questions as well as their answers to give you enough ideas to deal with speaking situation properly.

Chapter one of IELTS-TOEFL-iBT Speaking Test covers all common questions asked in both IELTS and iBT Speaking Tests. Therefore, we found it necessary to locate this chapter here to start speaking with questions that are more common and need careful thinking as well as correct grammatical structures. **As a result**, teachers and candidates can apply chapter one for both IELTS and iBT exam's candidates.

Candidates are recommended not to search for accurate answers of technical questions. You are not an expert but you are expected at least to talk and say something. Increase the range of your vocabulary as much as you can. Talk around difficult topics by the assistance of past-present-future technique. Remember, your speaking test will be evaluated on the basis of accuracy and fluency.

Therefore, try to eliminate all the speaking barriers and make yourself ready for all types of speaking questions. You are asked to talk, so go on. No hassle, no sweat.

Common questions asked both in IELTS and iBT Speaking Tests

Question 1. Where would you like to be professionally in ten years? Use details to support your response.

Since my childhood, I have always liked to run a business in export and import. It is my father's business. He exports carpet and imports furniture. I think I can use my father's experience and become successful in this field. Therefore, I would like to open my own company. This way, I can travel to a lot of different countries, get familiar with different cultures, make enough money and develop a better social communication.

2. What are the characteristics of a good neighbor? Use reasons and details to support your response.

In my opinion, a good neighbor should be helpful and trust-worthy. Helpful because when an urgent help is needed, the first one who can help is a good neighbor, and when you travel, you need a trust-worthy neighbor to take care of your house. In addition, a good neighbor should not be noisy. If you have a noisy neighbor, you can never feel relaxed; on the other hand, a good neighbor shouldn't be nosy because if you have a nosy person around who is always snooping about you, you will feel no privacy.

3. What is your favorite holiday? Use reasons and details to support your response.

My favorite holiday is New Year's holiday because it is the only time during the year that all the members of the families get together and have fun. Also it is the longest holiday in a year. On the first day of the New Year, older people usually give a gift to the younger ones and I enjoy the gift-giving party very much. Meanwhile, during this holiday, most of the people travel both inside and outside the country and do a lot of sight-seeing.

4. Which person has helped you the most to get where you are today, and how has he or she helped you? Use examples to support your response.

There are two people in my life who helped me the most to improve and develop, both academically and financially. My father was the one who helped me in my financial development. He gave me a lot of hints about business and also provided me the fund that I needed. My mother, on the other hand, was a unique friend in my life. She helped me a lot in emotional issues and also she was a good teacher to help me in my lessons and she paved the way for my academic progress.

5. If you suddenly got 10 million, what would you spend it on? Use details to support your response.

If I suddenly got 10 million dollars, I am not sure if I would have a heart attack or not, but if I survived, I would buy a house in the north of Iran. I have always dreamt of having a place with a nice seascape and good climate. I would also buy a car especially a BMW, because it is fast and convenient. By having such a car, I can enjoy driving more. I would invest the rest of my money in stock- exchange and live my life to the full.

6. What type of house would you like to live in? Describe the characteristics of such a house, and explain why you would like to live there?

My dream house is a large double story house with spiral stairs. There are two bedrooms with nice wallpapers upstairs and a big dining room. In addition, a well- equipped kitchen downstairs. My house has a beautiful yard with a small garden where I have planted different vegetables. I also desire to have a swimming pool in my dream house.

7. What is your favorite food? Use reasons and details to support your response.

My favorite food is soup. It is a light and stomach- friendly food that you can have as a night meal and enjoy your sleep without feeling heavy. Soup ingredients are healthy with a lot of different vegetables such as mushroom, carrot, green pea, onion as well as chicken. Fresh vegetables will also provide you lots of energy. I prefer soup because it doesn't take much of my time to prepare it.

8. What are the characteristics of a good partner? Use reasons and details to support your response.

I personally believe that a good partner, first of all, should be honest and trust-worthy, but if I consider a partner as a spouse, I expect him to have some other adjectives. One of them is being open-handed, because living with a miser will be very hard. A good partner should be also easy-going. Life is full of stress and it is not always like a bowl of cherry. He should be educated too because a university degree brings social prestige and it is needed for finding a decent job.

9. If you could live anywhere, where would you live? Use reasons to support your response.

If I could live anywhere, I would choose the USA since it is a multi-cultural country. In the US, people have lots of freedom; especially freedom of speech, which is not found here. America is recognized as a modern and civilized country. You can see lots of facilities like good hospitals, good universities and etc., The most important thing is that human rights are respected by American people. That is why I like this country very much and I dream to live there.

10. What person who is alive today would you most like to meet? Use reasons and details to support your response.

To tell you the truth, I really desire to meet president Obama and ask him a lot of questions about human rights and freedom as well as democracy. I would like to know if he and his nation really advocate freedom and stand as defenders of human rights, why do they encourage and support war all around the globe. Why do they produce mass destruction weapons? Why don't they help needy nations or don't fight against dictatorship running somewhere in the world. Those would be the questions that I would look forward to hearing the answers. Now you see why I want to meet president Obama.

11. Why are you preparing to take the IELTS test? Use reasons to support your response.

The reason that I am making myself ready to take the IELTS Exam is the university that I have applied to. I am planning to pursue my education in Australia and the university to which I have applied requires IELTS score 7 to let me get in. on the other hand, I need to improve my English since I need to use it in both my academic and living careers. To communicate well and to keep myself updated, I believe it is a must for me to master English as soon as possible.

12. If you could have a job in the world, what would it be? Use details to support your response.

If I could have any job in the world, I would choose working on a field related to my major in an equipped lab. I have studied Entomology and I am very interested in doing research on different arthropods such as insects and mites. I know that this job can't cover all the expenses of my life, but I think the pay is not everything for choosing a job. I like this job and it makes me satisfied.

Chapter Two

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IELTS Speaking Samples Tests

With answer

Speaking Test 1

Speaking test part 1

What is your name?

Where do you come from?

What do you like about your hometown?

What are you doing at present?

What kind of work do you do?

Speaking test part 2

You should talk about this topic for 1 to 2 minutes

You should say:

What kind of music do you like?

What kind of music is popular in your country?

Why is music important to us?

When do you like to listen to music?

Speaking test part 3

What influence do you think music has on life?

What part of music is playing in your culture?

How would you define music?

The end of speaking test 1

SPEAKING TEST 1

For reasons of test integrity, the interviewer's questions given here are not necessarily the same as those in the actual test. However, they do deal with similar topics and follow a similar pattern as the actual test.

Interviewer: Good morning .My name is Anna McCarty. May I have a look at your passport?

Candidate: Yes

IN: *And your name is?*

C: My first name is Osano, which means wild field or something like that. The reason my parents called me that is because my father just liked the sound of it .My family name is Tomaky.It is not a very common name in Japan but I think it is easy to pronounce for English people.

IN: *All right Osano; in the first part I am going to ask you some questions about yourself. Where do you come from?*

C: I am from Japan, Yokohama, which is a very big city close to Tokyo. I think the population is more than 3 millions, but actually I was born in China, Beijing, which a is huge city too and my family moved to Yokohama when I was 3 years old and I recently applied for citizenship in Australia, because I don't like the huge population and pollution in Yokohama.

IN: *So tell me what do you like about Yokohama?*

C: Well it is exciting; for example, there are many shops, restaurants, markets and people everywhere.

IN: *All right Osano, now tell me what are you doing at present?*

C: Well I am looking for work. Fortunately, there are lots of vacancies for my profession. I am really looking forward to working so I can be independent financially. My parents have spent a lot of money on me.

IN: What kind of work do you do?

C: Well, in Japan I was working for government as a nurse but it was a very hard job and I did that for 3 years then I went to New Zealand to study English and I moved to Australia about a year ago to study for the PHD, and as I told you before, I am looking for employment right now.

IN: Ok Osano, now we move on part two of speaking test. Have a look at this. Read it carefully. You have about one minute to think about your answer and approximately, one to two minutes to talk to me about what is on the slip. You can use a pen and paper to take a note.

What kind of music do you like?

What kind of music is popular in your country?

Why is music important to us?

When do you like to listen to music?

C: Well, I like classical music and also folk music. Classical music is very relaxing and folk music is interesting because it tells us about people's culture or history, but I don't listen to music much because I am very busy. I have to work because I have got a part time job and I have to shop and cook and I like to read in my spare time. I usually listen to music in my car because I have got a really good sound system in my car. When my mother was young, Japanese were just beginning to listen to western music but now western style is actually very popular in Japan and in fact, a lot of music that young people in Japan listen to today is in English.

IN: All right Osano, we move on part 3 of test now. What influence do you think music has on life?

C: Well, the effect of music can be good. It helps us to relax and also to enjoy ourselves when we get together but, on the other hand, it can incite the feeling of nationalism and some kinds of music encourage drug use or violence.

IN: What part of music is playing in your culture?

C: In the past Japanese music was quite nationalistic. It was used to encourage love for Japan or some thing like that but today people listen to all types of music as they do like the other countries, such as America or the UK, and in future I hope music in Japan will improve because I don't think it is very good now.

IN: Ok how would you define music?

C: Could you please repeat that question?

IN: How would you define music?

C: Well, it is a very difficult question, but for my money, it is a language without words. Music is the only unique language that can be understood all over the world. Just imagine that you are listening to a sad Italian music, without understanding it, you will get sad or you are listening to a happy Spanish one, again you will become happy without getting what it is actually saying. So we can say that music is the language of hearts. You don't have to understand it, you should just feel it.

IN: Thank you Osano. Your speaking test is over now. You can enjoy the rest of your weekend.

C: Thank you. I hope you have a good weekend too.

Speaking Test 2

Speaking test part 1

Could you tell me your name and candidate number?

Where are you from?

What kind of place is it? Can you describe it for me?

What are the advantages and disadvantages of living there?

What is your main meal of the day?

Where do you usually eat it?

What sort of food are you into?

Do you like to try different kinds of food?

How many languages do you speak?

When did you learn the other language?

How important do you think it is to speak another language?

Speaking test part 2

You should talk about this topic for 1 to 2 minutes

You should:

Describe a building or construction that you have seen and impressed you

What was it?

Where was it located

When did you visit it?

What made you astonished about that building?

Speaking test part 3

Will you ever go back to this place again?

What do you think is the most important element that makes a building a home, rather than just somewhere to live?

Do you think homeless people are basically responsible for their own situation?

Who do you think should take responsibility for helping such people?

Do you think problems such as homelessness are increasing in today's world?

The end of speaking test

SPEAKING TEST 2

IN: *Good afternoon. My name is Jason Metcalf. Could you tell me your name and candidate number please?*

C: Well, my first name is David and my surname is Bon and my candidate number is 250112.

IN: *Thank you. I will begin the interview by asking you to talk about yourself. Where are you from?*

C: Actually I was born in England, London, that is a very big and overpopulated city, not to mention the air pollution, but I grew up in Toronto.

IN: *What kind of place is it? Can you describe it for me?*

C: Toronto is a nice city. It has got lovely weather. People are very friendly and open. They are also really sociable.

IN: *What are the advantages and disadvantages of living there?*

C: Well, it has got many advantages, for example, there are lots of good universities, hospitals, shopping centers and in fact, it is a facilitated city, besides, it is a multicultural city, but it has got some disadvantages too. For instance, stuffs are a little expensive and sometimes we witness some minor and major crime here and there in the city.

IN: *Now I would like to move on to talk about food. What is your main meal of the day?*

C: Well, most of the time I have my main meal at midday. It is usually rice with a stew.

IN: *Where do you usually eat it?*

C: I mostly have it at work.

Chapter Three

IELTS Speaking Test Extra

TEST YOUR SPEAKING

Test yourself 1

Speaking test Part 1

What kind of school did you go?

What did you like and dislike about it?

Apart from academic subjects, did you learn anything else at school?

Are there any important skills you feel you didn't learn at school?

What does education mean to you?

Will education change a person's life?

Speaking test Part 2

Describe a teacher who has influenced you a lot

You should mention:

When and what subject he /she taught you

What his teaching method was like

What his attitude was like

And explain what influence he has had on you

Speaking test Part 3

How do you think education in your country can be improved?

Do you think students should be required to study all subjects at school or should there be an element of choice?

What aspects of the present educational system are particularly stressful?

What do you think makes a good school?

How do schools prepare young people for life?

What should the aim of education be?

If given a choice between studying at home by using technology such as computer or TV and studying at traditional schools, which would you prefer?

Common questions asked in both IELTS and iBT Speaking Tests Extra

iBT SPEAKING QUESTION 1:

People attend college or university for many different reasons (for example, new experiences, career preparation, and increased knowledge). Why do you think people attend college or university? Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

SAMPLE ANSWER 1

1. There are many reasons people attend college or university. Some attend in order to prepare for a career. Others attend for personal fulfillment and still others attend in order to make more money in the job market.
2. Some attend college in order to prepare for a career.
 - a. They learn about a particular subject in depth
 - b. Employers want employees who have very specific knowledge
3. Some attend for personal fulfillment

Older adults may attend college just for the joy of learning

Students may feel a sense of accomplishment by learning new things.
4. Some attend in order to make more money in the job market
 - a. If one has specialized skills, one can make more money in the job market (example: computer programming skills)
 - b. One may need more education in order to get promoted in his/her job
5. In short, people attend college for many reasons some of which include the desire to prepare for a career, personal fulfillment and financial rewards.

QUESTION 2

How do movies or television influence people's behavior? Use reasons and specific examples to support your answer.

SAMPLE ANSWER 2

1. Movies and television influence people's behavior in a number of ways. The negative ways television influences people's behavior is through advertisements and violent programs. Ads compel people to buy things they may not need and violent programs sometimes cause young people to become violent. On the other hand, the good influence is that people can learn new things from movies and television.
2. Advertisements compel people to buy things they may not need. Example:
 - a. Those who buy camping equipment and then never go camping.
 - b. Someone who buys a new car but can't really afford it.
 - c. Someone who buys a new computer even though his or her old computer works fine.
3. Television may lead to violence.
 - a. Children see terrible things on TV and sometimes act them out.
 - b. Children may not be able to understand right from wrong and think that violence is ok.
4. Television teaches new things.
 - a. We can learn about different countries in the world
 - b. We can learn different skills: cooking, sewing
 - c. We can learn about different kinds of people
5. In conclusion, television and movies influence behavior in both positive and negative ways.

Chapter Four

iBT Speaking Test

NEXT GENERATION

SPEAKING OVERVIEW

The third section on the **Next Generation iBT TOEFL** test is the speaking section. This section consists of six tasks: two independent tasks and four integrated tasks. Two of the integrated tasks combine reading and listening with speaking, and the other two integrated tasks combine listening with speaking. To complete these tasks, you will speak into a microphone and your responses will be recorded on the computer.

The two independent tasks each consist of a question to be answered. The ideas in your responses come from your personal experience rather than from materials that are given to you.

The two reading, listening, and speaking integrated tasks each consist of a reading passage, a listening passage, and a question that asks how the ideas in the two passages are related.

The two listening and speaking integrated tasks each consist of a longer listening passage and a question that asks you to summarize key points of the passage.

Because these kinds of tasks are different, there are different strategies for each kind. The following strategies can help you on the independent tasks in the speaking section.